

I am writing to express my objection to the changes in ownership rules. As a student of Journalism, I feel strongly that this change will be a negative one. If anything, the rules on media ownership should be made more stringent... not less.

These rules were established, in part, as a reaction to the homogenous media control that allowed dictators to control the flow of information. We should not forget the lessons of history and the long-term dangers posed by a shrinking number of voices in our national media.

Greater media consolidation has not brought hugher quality entertainment or information thus far; it is naive to think that it will do so in the future.

These rules are not outdated. Yes, there are more media outlets than ever before... but they are owned by a smaller number of companies.

A diversity of media outlets preserves a diversity of opinion. A diversity of opinion keeps democracies strong. Please reconsider this decision.

Sincerely

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